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1. A national youth festival will be held in La Paz in August 1954 as a forerunner to the Spring Festival of South American Youth, to be held in Santiago, Chile, in October. Both meetings are to be patterned after the Third World Youth Festival held recently in Bucharest and are being guided by the Communist International Students' Union (UIE).
2. While the Bolivian youth festival is being publicized as a unification of Bolivian youth through sports and culture, it is generally recognized that the festival's true purpose is political. During the week-long gathering in La Paz the Communists will advocate affiliation with the UIE and the similarly Communist World Federation of Youth (FJM). Portions of the official program will propagandize both the UIE and FJM, as well as support the pro-peace movement.
3. Bolivian Communists are currently attempting to enlist the support of influential leaders in Bolivian political, educational, cultural, and sports circles. Juan ALBARRACIN, leader of university students and secretary-general of the Federacion Universitaria Local (FUL), is in charge of preparations for the La Paz festival. It is expected that approximately 600 Bolivians will participate in the local festival and that 54 of these will be selected as delegates to the Santiago meeting. The Bolivian delegation to Santiago will be led by a queen designate and will include ten basketball players, twenty musicians, ten dancers, five labor delegates, five student delegates, and three delegates-at-large.

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